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or to whom it may concern,

I am opposed, in principle, to any penalty meted to Microsoft for anti-trust reasons. I use Microsoft products voluntarily which is the only way one can use their products. Any claim to the contrary is simply wrong.

The free market will punish anyone who mistreats their customers. Microsoft has been nothing short of wonderful to the success of my business and personal life. They deserve their success and must be left unhindered to continue their efforts for my best interests. I do not want you to presume to tell me what software configuration I want in my computer nor what any company can bundle to meet my needs. I will decide whether Microsoft or any other company is a success for me or not.

The idea that another company cannot compete with Microsoft is every indication that it does not have what I nor others want. I and every person and/or company must be free to create and sell their property to any other willing person and it is your job to protect that most fundamental right not to undermine and punish it.

Sincerely,

Sam Axton

Reward is commensurate with effort.